(a) Use of solar energy for water heating.

(b) Use of solar photo vollatic systems for buildings in remote areas/site.

Public Sector Units

3591. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Units in the country;

(b) the number out of them declared chronically sick; and

(c) the policy of the Government regarding these sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) As on 31.3.1991 there were 246 Central Public Sector Enterprises, out of which 10 PSEs were under construction.

(b) and (c). Based on the performance upto the year 199091, there are 54 sick public sector undertakings which are required to be referred to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for the formulation of suitable revival/rehabilitation schemes in accordance with Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

No Industry Districts

3592. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'no industry districts' in the country, at the beginning and the end of the seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the efforts being made to remove regional imbalances in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The number of 'No Industry Districts' in the country is 93. A Statewise distribution of the NIDs is given in the statement attached.

(b) With a view to bringing about regional dispersal in the country, Government are operating a Growth Centre Scheme which is being implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. Under the Scheme, 70 growth centres would be set up throughout the country each at a cost of Rs. 25-30 crores and would be provided with basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication, etc. so as to attract industries to the centres.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*State*	*Number*
1.	Assam	2
2.	Bihar	6
3.	Gujarat	1
4.	Himachal Pradesh	5

Sl. No.	*State*	*Number*
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	7
6.	Karnataka	1
7.	Kerala	2
8.	Maharashtra	1
9.	Madhya Pradesh	18
10.	Manipur	6
11.	Meghalaya	4
12.	Nagaland	1
13.	Orissa	3
14.	Rajasthan	4
15.	Sikkim	4
16.	Tripura	3
17.	Uttar Pradesh	11
18.	West Bengal	5
19.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
20.	Arunachal Pradesh	4
21.	Lakshadweep	1
22.	Mizoram	2
23.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
	Total	93